

**TOWN OF EASTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 14, 2025
6:30 PM
EASTON TOWN OFFICE
MINUTES**

PRESENT: Bruce Flewelling, Norm Trask, Doug Blackstone, Scott Allen, Tammy Beaulier-Fuller and Cheryl Clark. Guest: Jim Brown and Greg White

1. Chairman Flewelling called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM
2. There was no public comment.
3. Discussed terms of trade of property with Jim Brown. Established that the lot in Village Acres Subdivision that Jim wanted to purchase Map 4 Lot 20-12V in exchange for Map 18 Lot 60. He also wanted the requirement to build within 2 years waived. It was moved by Doug Blackstone and seconded by Scott Allen to trade Map 4 Lot 20-12V for Map 18 Lot 60 and to waive the requirement that a residence should be built within 2 years of purchase with the stipulation that should Map 4 Lot 20-12V be deeded to anyone other than James Brown, the requirement to build with 2 years be reinstated and should the property be put up for sale, the Town of Easton would be given first option to buy. Motion carried 5-0.
4. Greg White updated the Board on the Fire Department's plan to enter the SHAPE program. At the Fire Chief's request, Safety Works did an inspection of training and safety records, as well as the building and provided some assistance. A report will be sent with corrections that need to be made to be in compliance for the SHAPE program.
5. It was moved by Doug Blackstone and seconded by Norman Trask to approve the minutes of March 10, 2025, regular Board of Selectmen's meeting. Motion carried 5-0.
6. It was moved by Scott Allen and seconded by Tammy Beaulier-Fuller to approve and sign the Treasurer's warrants #4-10. Motion carried 5-0.
7. It was moved by Tammy Beaulier-Fuller and seconded by Norman Trask to approve the financial figures through April 10, 2025. Motion carried 5-0.
8. Reviewed and discussed Easton School Department's financial statement as of 3/31/2025.
9. Reviewed and discussed School Department's Draft 1 and 2 of FY2025-2026 budget. Cheryl will email Richard Lyons with some questions and will forward the response to the Selectmen.
10. Application for CDF for fire station project submitted Thursday, April 10, 2025. Line of credit agreement for \$500,000 through Machias Savings Bank for fire station project will be signed Tuesday, April 15, 2025.
11. Discussed proposed contract with Fields Realty to sell lot in Village Acres Subdivision. It was moved by Norman Trask and seconded by Tammy Beaulier-Fuller to have the contract reviewed by the Town's attorney Richard Currier. Motion carried 5-0.

12. Reviewed and discussed letter from Galen Cole Family Foundation offering to match funds for purchase of 3' x 5' flag kits. No action taken.
13. Discussed liner of chimney at Fire Station building. Chimney has to be rebuilt to insert liner. Estimate for chimney ~\$10,000. It was moved by Doug Blackstone and seconded by Tammy Beaulier-Fuller to table this item. Motion carried 5-0.
14. Discussed request from Adam Lynds to sell tax acquired property at 352 Ladner Road back to him for back taxes. It was moved by Doug Blackstone and seconded by Tammy Beaulier-Fuller to sell the property tax acquired from Adam Lynds back to him for total taxes, interest and costs due as of 4/14/2025 - \$6,524.64 plus \$200 to record Quitclaim Deed. Motion carried 5-0.
15. Manager's items: Town Manager notified Selectmen of award of truck bid to Gerald Easler for a bid of \$3,750 for the 2001 Sterling plow truck. Also notified that Granvil Lamb will have a realtor sell Methodist Church – asking \$150,000. Lastly, there is approximately \$24,000 left to spend from the Small Community Grant. Town Manager will check to see if the funds can be used to fix the fire hydrant beside the Prestile Stream.
16. It was moved by Norman Trask and seconded by Tammy Beaulier-Fuller to adjourn at 9:00 PM. Motion carried. 5-0.